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1. Stolpmuende: [redacted] the harbor basin west of the inner harbor, the former construction harbor, is separated from land by a wall. To the west of this wall [redacted] barracks occupied by Polish infantry. Units were drilling in the courtyards. The crew of the steamer was not allowed on shore.
2. Stettin: The free harbor is in Russian hands. The Oderwerft has been extended towards the south and now reaches the quay wall of the Haken-terrasse. The blocks of houses which formerly stood between the Oderwerft and the Haken-terrasse have been removed. There are many new cranes on the new stretch of quay. A new quay emplacement stretches from the Baumbruecke to the railway station.
3. Warnemuende: The turning basin near the Warnow shipyard and the channel just south of shore have been considerably broadened through dredging. A number of large sheds are under construction in the shipyard area. Five large passenger vessels ranging up to 18,000 tons, most of them former German ships, lay in the harbor basin of the Warnow Shipyard.
4. Rostock: The Neptun shipyard constructs principally war ships, torpedo boats, and destroyers. With the exception of a few fishing vessels, no merchant ships are under construction or repair.
5. Wismar: A large shipyard shed is under construction in the shipyard area. An average of twelve vessels of the Sea Police are stationed in Wismar. The Soviet and German harbor controls can be bribed with liquor, tobacco, and coffee. [redacted] Because of the primitive condition of the loading apparatus in Wismar, a German coastal motor ship last May required 16 days to load sulphate of soda (Glauber's Salts). [redacted] the Yuri Belgorudi (Hamburg) at anchor outside Wismar on 22 May.

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COMMENT:

It was reported during 1951 that dry docks and slips were being built at the Wornow shipyard south of the turning basin. The broadening of the turning basin and the channel as now reported is directly connected with the project mentioned earlier. Formerly the turning basin was only 400 meters long, 250 meters wide, and 7 meters deep. The new construction has turned the former small shipyard into an important repair yard for large ships.